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In Appomattox

Baliles discusses his ACT/Virginia ideas

By Frances H. Paulette

Gerald Baliles, Attorney General, was in Appomattox on Tuesday afternoon of last week to meet with the Appomattox Anti-Crime Team Virginia Committee.

ACT/Virginia (ACT stands for Anti-Crime Team) was founded in mid-1981 to provide local opportunity for analysis, discussion, and recommendations on Virginia's increasing crime problem. Localities across the state formed ACT teams which served as a broadly-based statewide advisory board to recommend anti-crime legislation. These recommendations served as the basis for some of the legislative proposals in the Robb-Bailies anti-crime package delivered to the 1982 General Assembly.

"Virginia recently experienced, in a single year, a quarter million serious crimes," said Baliles. "Nationally, one out of three households was victimized. These statistics reflect an incredible...an especially intolerable...situation. It cannot be allowed to continue."

ACT/Virginia works in this way; team leaders are appointed by the Attorney General and they, in turn, select from eight to 15 individuals to serve as team members. These local citizens volunteer their time, energy and expertise toward the ACT/Virginia effort.

Each team "acts" to reduce an intolerable crime rate by examining the number of serious crimes by type commited in their own communities and by studying the cost of those crimes to their communities.

After they ahve determined some of the causes of their local crimes, the teams make specific proposals for local and state action that will help them solve their community crime problems.

During this month all teams submit their written proposals to the Attorney General. He reviews the recommendations in order to form a statewide legislative anti-crime package to be introduced into the next General Assembly session.

Virginia Attorney General Gerald Baliles

Through the efforts of locally based ACT/Virginia teams, citizen anticipation acts as one catalyst for statutory changes that are not imperative.

Present at Tuesday's meeting was a cross-section of community leaders and concerned citizens.

"We, in law enforcement, appreciate the efforts of Attorney General Baliles and the Robb administration in helping to improve our crime laws in Virginia and to get tough with criminals," commented Sam Kerr, Appomattox County Commonwealth Attorney.

"We are concerned with crime prevention in Appomattox County," said Franklin Vaughan, Chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, "and especially with repeated juvenile offenders and the light punishment received. These juvenile offenders are often apprehended four or five times for the same offense. Until these offenders begin receiving more severe punishment, the crimes will continue to exist," Vaughan concluded.

Appomattox County Sheriff Gene Richardson expressed deep concern for the juvenile crime rate in this county.

"A lot of the juvenile offenders we have in this county are headed for the penitentiary. I firmly believe that a stiffer penalty in the lower courts would save some of these offenders from a life of crime when they become adults," commented Sheriff Richardson.

Concord planning parade

The Concord Ruritan Club is once again sponsoring a Fourth of July parade and celebration for the Concord Community. This will be scheduled for Monday, July 5, 1982 since this is the official holiday and the 4th falls on Sunday.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The assembly point will be at the Concord Elementary School. Anyone desiring to join in the parade should have their float or entry at the staging area by 1:30 p.m. so that a position in the parade can be assigned.

No prior registration is required and anyone desiring to participate in the parade will be provided a place.

No cash prizes will be offered since this event is not a fund-raising project. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded.

Garbage pick-up deferred

There will be no garbage pick up on July 5, according to Bill Britton, Appomattox Town Manager. Pickup will resume on July 6 with normal hours.

"Our trash collection men will be getting one of three holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and July 4," commented Britton.

Opening slated

School Community Canneries located in the Town of Appomattox and Pamplin will begin operation during the week of June 28, for the 192 canning season in an announcement made by Lloyd G. Walton, Division Superintendent of Schools for Appomattox County.

The opening date for the Pamplin Cannery will be Wednesday, June 30, Canning days for the Pamplin Cannery will be Wednesday of each week.

Opening day for the Appomattox Cannery will be Tuesday, June 29. Canning days for the Appomattox Cannery will be Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

Both canneries will adjust the number of canning days as volume demands. "It is most important that we operate our canneries as efficiently as possible", states R. B. Carter, Director of Vocational Education for Appomattox County. "Most counties are discontinuing such services and if we are to continue in Appomattox County the cost of operation must be held as low as possible. By staggering the canning days at both canneries we are attempting to have a cannery available to the county residents for three days of the week", added Carter.

Prices for cans and other services will be as follows:

No. 2 (pint - 20 cents each; No. 2½ (quart) - 30 cents each; Grinding - 5 cents per pound; Lard Rendering - 10 cents per pound; Catsup and other products placed in glass jars - $7.50 per kettle.

Families are requested to bring in food between the hours of 8:00 - 12:30 and have all foods ready for processing by 1:00 p.m. Patrons must bring necessary knives, pans, etc. for preparing foods as a very limited number of utensils are available at the cannery. Lay instructors and other supervisory personnel will be available to instruct patrons in the use of canning equipment as well as to demonstrate proper canning procedures. Detailed rules and procedurees for using the canneries will be given each patron when they register to use the canning facilities.

A total of 40,282 cans were processed in the Appomattox Cannery while Pamplin had a total volume of 24,186 cans during the 1981 canning season. These volume figures compare very favorably with the volume in 1979 and far exceed the volume of 1980, which was a very dry year. It is anticipated that if weather conditions prove favorable this season that the volume will increase.

Lay instructors that will help the operation of the canneries this year include Bertha Dickerson at Pamplin Cannery, Grace Williams at Appomattox Cannery with Patrick Harrison and Wayne Shoemaker assisting at both canneries. Phyllis Richardson will help with the Pamplin Cannery after August 25. Mr. Jimmy Burcher, instructor of agricultural education at the Appomattox County High School, will be in charge of the Pamplin Cannery and Mr. Barry Sauls, instructor of agricultural education at the Appomattox Middle School, will supervise the Appomattox Cannery.

Persons desiring information about using the canneries are requested to telephone 248-6191 for Pamplin Cannery and 352-2222 to obtain the Appomattox Cannery during normal canning hours. At other times information on the canneries may be obtained by calling Jimmy Burcher at 352-5602 and Mr. Barry Sauls at 352-5390. Information on either of the two canneries may be obtained by calling R. B. Carter, Director of Vocational Education at 352-8253.

E.L. PADERICK, Regional director for the adult facilities division of the state Department of Corrections, presents Appomattox Sheriff Gene Richardson with a certificate noting the Appomattox jail's compliance with all 174 of the state's jail standards. Appomattox has one of only two jails in Region II (24 counties) in compliance with all of the state's jail standards. "We feel this is the finest small jail in the state," Paderick noted. "It's obvious that it's well administered due to the fact that it's in compliance with all the standards. Appomattox County citizens should be proud of the jail and the job the staff is doing administering it," Paderick concluded.

Fund is $1,840 short of goal

Cancer funds still needed here

By Frances H. Paulette

The 1982 Fund drive for the Appomattox Unit of the American' Cancer Society is falling behind in collections, according to Claudia Gordon, Chairman of the local unit.

"The goal for 1982 is $7,100.00 and to date a total of $5,260.00 has been collected," said Gordon.

"Donations from concerned individuals are the main source of money for research," she added.

Research is the answer to fighting cancer, and money is needed for research.

To date the American Cancer Society has invested more than half a billion dollars in cancer research.

In 1982, approximately 835,000 people will be diagnosed as having cancer, according to information released by the American Cancer Society.

About 278,000 Americans, or about one third of all people who get cancer this year, will be alive at least five years after treatment.

Approximately 139,000 people with cancer will probably die in 1982 who might have been saved by earlier diagnosis and prompt treatment, which emphasizes the importance of educational materials to make people aware of the seven warning signals.

Many cancers are caused by a two-stage process through exposure to two different kinds of substances known as initiators and promoters. Researchers are exploring ways of interrupting this process, thereby preventing the development of cancer.

In Appomattox County during the 1980-81 fiscal year, 46 adults took advantage of educational programs offered by the American Cancer Society. Likewise, 2,070 students in Appomattox County were involved in programs sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Since September of 1980, the following services were received by cancer patients who are residents of Appomattox County: Information/-Referral..6; Paid Transportation..7; Reconstruction Assistance..1; Emergency Financial Assistance..6; and Reach to Recovery Assistance..5.

Over three million Americans are alive today who have a history of cancer; two million of them with diagnosis five or more years ago. Most of these two million can be considered "cured," according to facts provided by the ACS Unit.

Fight cancer through research by your contributions. The Appomattox Unit of the American Cancer Society needs your help!

Park Service seeks change in boundary

The National Park Service is seeking the concurrence of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors for a small boundary adjustment at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

The park is proposing to include a federally owned tract of approximately 8.50 acres to the extreme northwest corner of the park. This tract was purchased during the land acquisition program as a part of a larger tract that was within the current boundary. It has no separate access and would have left the former owner with an uneconomical remnant. The tract is timbered and has one of the highest elevations in the area and can be seen from certain spots within the village. It provides an effective screen against modern intrusions which is why the park is proposing its inclusion within the boundary.

The legislation that allows for such boundary adjustments requires that the federal agency involved seek the concurrence of the local taxing authority. Since the land is already in federal ownership, no objection is expected from the Board of Supervisors.

Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

First week of Summer and weather suitable for anything Summer has to offer, from lawnmowing, to fishing to going to the Beach. Decision time as to vacations. Seems to me that Appomattox is getting a fine share of travel business, although we are never completely satisfied. My modest garden has produced two items besides daylilies. Brought in a handful of radishes, and in t'other hand some lovely white nasturtiums. And other planted items are doing okeh. Suppose could gather some lettuce. No complaint.

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Remember the postal cards people used to send back from their trips saying "having great time, wish you were here." Well, they do better now. The Rev. and Mrs. David A. Garrette, Vera, have returned after a trip by car to the area of the Black Hills of South Dakota. Rev. Garrette came by to bring me some souvenirs. Large picture of Mount Rushmore and its famous stone carvings of Washington, Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt and Lincoln. And articles and pictures about the new stone carving of the famous Indian, Crazy Horse. The artist is Korczak Ziolkowski, 71, who is slowly carving a 641-foot-long statue at Custer, S.D. of the Sioux Chief who beat George Armstrong Custer at Little Big Horn. What a project. So much to see all over the U.S.A. and so much history to preserve. Oh yes, I asked Bro. Garrette about the price he paid for gasoline on his trip. $112.9 to $134.9. And he was especially impressed at The Corn Palace, at Mitchell, S.D.

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Square Dancing still has its fans and I note that a group from Tidewater, Virginia attended a Square Dance Festival in Brussells, Belgium last month.

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Had a pleasant chat with my friend, Richard McDearmon, of Richmond, an attorney, who recently visited his native Appomattox.

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Golf tournaments are attracting attention. Watermelons available at local food stores. All Appomattox is proud to note that our own Watkins M. Abbitt has been cited as a "most influencial" leader. Personal: my first cousin, the Rev. J. William Hough, of Winchester, has just retired after a long career as a Methodist minister.

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Good program. One Virginia county has four sites for summer recreational activities, with free lunches served to all children 18 years old or younger.

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This is written on the longest day of the year, but the longest day is all too short if you keep busy. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

School Board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in special session Wednesday (June 30) at 8 a.m. in the school board office on Main Street.

The School Board will review bids submitted for roof repairs at Appomattox Elementary School, receive a financial report, and review bills, announcements, and personnel matters at the meeting.

Lions Club to meet

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet Thursday night, June 24, at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant beginning at 6:45 p.m.

W.D. "Andy" Anderson, zone chairman from Lynchburg, will be on hand at the meeting to install incoming officers for 1982-83.

THE HON. CLAUDE W. ANDERSON, who represents Appomattox, Buckingham and surrounding counties in the state House of Delegates, spoke at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new swimming pool complex at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center Saturday. Anderson, a member of the Blue Ribbon Fundraising Committee for the 4-H Center, pointed out the value of 4-H education to today's youth. Saturday's activities also included a picnic lunch, swimming, and a "silent auction" which netted approximately $900 for the 4-H Center fund. The $115,000 swimming pool complex, which includes a junior-olympic size swimming pool, bath house and related facilities, was officially opened this weekend and will be used by 4-H campers and other community groups using the Holiday Lake 4-H facility this summer. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)